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SUBJECT: ERITREAN KIDNAPPINGS

REF: STATE 193224 (NOTAL), ADDIS 8849 AND PREVIOUS

1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO REPEAT NO AMCITS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY ELF, PLF, OR ANY OTHER INSURGENT GROUP IN ETHIOPIA. THREE NAMES MENTIONED IN WASH POST ARTICLE ARE "DANAKIL THREE", ALL OF WHOM ARE IDENTIFIED AS BRITISH CITIZENS BY BRIT EMBASSY HERE. FOURTH MAN, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, IS ETHIOPIAN OF POLISH ORIGIN.

2. BRITISH CHARGE TOLD US AUG 5 THAT THEY HAVE JUST RECEIVED FIRST WORD THAT JOURNALIST JOHN SWAIN MAY BE ALIVE. REPORT APPARENTLY EMANATES FROM ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES IN MOMBASA THROUGH NEWSWEEK STRINGER IN NAIROBI TO LONDON SUNDAY TIMES. REPORT IS THAT SWAIN IS HELD BY UNIDENTIFIED ERITREAN INSURGENTS ALONG WITH BRITISH FAMILY, ANOTHER BRITON AND AN AMERICAN. BRIT EMBASSY, HOWEVER, IS DUBIOUS ABOUT AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT. EXCEPT FOR SWAIN, THEY KNOW OF NO BRIT CITIZEN MISSING ON HIS OWN AND WE KNOW OF NO AMCIT. FAMILY, OF COURSE, IS TYLER
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FAMILY. CONCEIVABLY REPORT RECEIVED BY BRITS IS ALSO

SOURCE OF WASH POST ARTICLE, SLIGHTLY GARBLED.
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